

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION (Includes PCT)

Attorney Docket No.  
APV31823

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;  
that

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below)  
or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the  
subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Method to identify the mechanical properties of a material

the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_. (if applicable)

☒ was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/IB03/01127 on  
March 27, 2003 and was amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified  
specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this  
application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I do not know and do not believe the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United  
States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed  
publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to  
this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of  
America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been  
patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this  
application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed  
by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this  
application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 and/or  
§365(a)(b) of any foreign application(s) and United States provisional applications for  
patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign  
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application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign and U.S. Provisional Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
UD2002A000072	Italy	29.03.2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Number)	(Country)	Day/Month/Year Filed	Yes	No
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(Number)	(Country)	Day/Month/Year Filed	Yes	No

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27).

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual      ☐ Small Business Concern      ☐ Nonprofit Organization

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in the status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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TITLE IN ORGANIZATION Rector  
ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING Via Besenghi, 50/1 - 34143 TRIESTE - Italy

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE September 24, 2004

UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TRIESTE  
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Applicant or Patentee: UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI TRIESTE  
Application or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed or Issued: \_\_\_\_\_  
For: Method to identify the mechanical properties of a material

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby state that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI TRIESTE  
ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION: Piazzale Europa, 1 - 34127 TRIESTE  
Italy

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:**

- ☒ University or other institution of higher education.  
☐ Tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3)).  
☐ Nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of state of the United States of America.  
Name of State \_\_\_\_\_  
Citation of Statute \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Would qualify as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3) if located in the United States of America.  
☐ Would qualify as nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of state of United States of America if located in the United States of America.  
Name of State \_\_\_\_\_  
Citation of Statute \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the invention of the above-identified patent or patent application.

I hereby declare that U.S. rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above-identified invention.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 and/or §365(c) of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; Stevens, Davis, Miller & Mosher, L.L.P.; Anthony P. Venturino, Reg. No. 31,674; James E. Ledbetter, Reg. No. 28,732; and Thomas P. Pavelko, Reg. No. 31,689. Direct all telephone calls to telephone no. (202) 785-0100 and faxes to (202) 202-408-5200.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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